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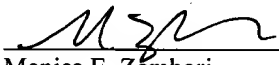
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Plaetinck et al.
Serial No: 09/347,311
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For: CHARACTERIZATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE
STRANDED RNA INHIBITION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

In the Specification

~~On page 10, line 28, after "in", please insert --SEQ ID NO:1--.~~
~~On page 10, line 31, after "pGN100", please insert --SEQ ID NO:2--.~~
Please add the enclosed Sequence Listing.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

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4. (amended) A method according to any of claims 1 [to] or 3 wherein said DNA library, homologue or fragment is cloned in a sense and an antisense direction relative to said promoter.
 5. (amended) A method according to any of claims 1 [to] or 3 wherein said DNA library,